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NO LETTERS TO-DAY.

BY THOS. C. MORRISON, CAPT. CO. A, 12TH REG'T INDIANA VOLS.

No letters to-day!
From home and the fireside I'm left behind for the heated field,
With my neighbors' gallant sons.

No letters to-day!
O! what can this silence mean?
It pains my heart, and sickly fears
Spring up from the dread unseen.

No letters to-day!
[Written from the Rpe of those,
Who vowed they'd die with a nameless fear
Unfelt when before our foes.

No letters to-day!
Have all of us lost our friends?
It cannot be; for God-sake write—
Write often, and make amends.

Soldiers love their friends—
Better than ever before—
And they long to hear from home, dear home,
And the hallowed scenes of yore.

Send letters every day!
They are worth their weight in gold;
They keep our hearts and our precious souls
From ever growing cold.

We can't write when we would,
In the open air—nor yet
In a tent, when the rain comes down,
With everything soaking wet.

Guard duty and drill,
On the march, or at grand reviews,
And the lonesomeness of picket guard,
Brings a wond'rous thirst for news.

Send letters every day!
They are worth their weight in gold;
They keep our hearts and our precious souls
From ever growing cold.

Latter-Day Ships and Guns.

It is a question of very considerable importance whether our naval and ordnance officers are in advance of those of other nations, in their preparation of "invulnerable" ships and "irresistible" guns. The New York *Commercial Advertiser*, in an article suggested by the successful trial trip of the Passaic, and test of her great gun, on Saturday last, says:

All statements agree in representing the entire success of the experiments on Saturday, on board the Monitor Passaic, when the 15-inch gun was discharged within the turret of the vessel without producing any alarming concussion, and that it worked with comparative ease.

It is now in the power of a vessel constructed on the Monitor principle, with two 15-inch guns, to throw two balls, each weighing 450 pounds, against a target, in such directions that both balls shall strike very near the same spot. No armor has yet been constructed which can withstand the force of such an impact; hence, no iron clad vessel of any nation could live when brought in contact with this powerful armament. For a time, then, the American ships must remain superior to that of every other nation.

The Whitworth and Armstrong guns can not be fired from within a turret, without the aid of a large number of men—more than would be safe. A fifteen inch gun can be worked by four men with ease. Now that the great theory is demonstrated, the navy department will at once, it is probable, use all dispatch in preparing for service the fleet of Monitors now building, reporting to it, as responsible to it alone for their management with the central office, in turn, is responsible to the Post Office Department for the entire receipts and distributions of mail matter within the limits of the city of Detroit.

Boston Papers.

In Boston dailies have increased their prices from two to three cents per copy. The former price for the *Journal*, *Traveller* and *Bee* was twelve cents a week delivered at orders. Hereafter the price will be fifteen cents per week. The penny *Herald* and *Post* stay at five cents per week to twelve cents. The new rates take effect December 1.

Of Hoosick-brained ex-auctioneer, whose fame in Chicago was made without consulting the minor points of finance quite a number of citizens directly interested, is out in a pamphlet appeal to Napoleon III, which [illegible] of Tootsee closes as follows:

[illegible] all-powerful aid of the Empire of [illegible] the direction of its present views, to [illegible] a movement resulting in arbitrary [illegible] between the two belligerents.

W. W. CORNELL, Jr.,
Of Dakotah Territory, U. S. of America.

Here's the secret of the whole matter. It is [illegible] possible that Jewett is at the bottom [illegible] his nefatory scheme of the French [illegible]? Doubtless Jewett thinks so [illegible].

[illegible] preparations are being made to bring [illegible] a general bankrupt bill at our early [illegible] session. It believed that the [illegible] will recommend this measure in his [illegible] message. There will be needed only [illegible] in proper efforts to secure its passage.

The Banks Expedition.

A correspondent of the Boston *Journal* from New York under date of Nov. 24:

Banks is at work night and day. He is [illegible] at work as late as 3 o'clock in the morning, and no one gets up so early as Gen. Banks. He has a right to be industrious. But such incessant toil wears upon [illegible] is already prematurely gray, and [illegible] to Boston. You can trust no one here [illegible] matter of time, and when one has [illegible] as Gen. Banks has, he not only [illegible] but must watch, lest [illegible] that the thing is done. I saw the [illegible] this morning. He told me he was [illegible] to do it, to the card with us, and a [illegible] has quite a task to stir up those [illegible].

[illegible] shot an officer from Burnside's [illegible] a 91-lb 13 Gen. McClellan, and left [illegible] seat of war.

Total Value of Revenue Stamps Sold.

The following table shows the number and [illegible] of stamps sold during the week [illegible] Nov. 22, by the Commissioner of In[illegible]:

[illegible]	2,150,000	$91,995
[illegible]	1,500,000	16,500
[illegible] Card	93,000	5,651
[illegible]	253,000	15,960
[illegible]	3,423,000	68,040
[illegible]	3,750,000	37,500
[illegible]	275,000	17,540
[illegible]	550,000	21,500
[illegible]	1,100,000	11,000
[illegible]	51,000	5,100
[illegible]	216,000	21,600
[illegible]	310,000	31,000
[illegible]	979,500	24,488
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	104,000	21,500
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	469,960	117,490
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	267,700	13,385
[illegible]	84,000	21,000
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	344,500	17,225
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	370,825	9,319
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	1,000,000	25,000
[illegible]	970,000	273,000
[illegible]	1,000,000	250,000
[illegible]	1,000	10
[illegible]	38,361,625	$1,317,173

[illegible] Stamps are issued for the sale [illegible] and might with propriety [illegible] Stamps.

Slaughter.

[illegible] of the 20th Georgia regiment [illegible] Savannah (Ga.) *Republican* as [illegible] battle of Sharpsburg, in which [illegible] a reporter on the rebel side was [illegible] slaughter was [illegible] regiment and brigade, [illegible] Dunbar, Nov. 16.

MARINE NEWS.

VESSELS PASSING DETROIT.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

DETROIT, Nov. 27.

Up—Prop. Raptor. Schr. Mitchell.

Down—Props. Empire State, Globe, Plymouth. Bark Evergreen, Vaughan. Schrs. Bassom. Schrs. Sweepstake, Yankee Blade, Bancock, Collingwood, Rainbow, Alice, Smith, Montcalm, Baker, Mich.

Dunbar, Nov. 28.

Up.—None.

Down—Prop. Winnes, Kenosha. Barks Sherman, Shepard, Gladiator, Wm. Adams, Twilight, Brig Montezuma, Ferguson, Shepard. Schrs. Kinsman, Rainbow, Lyon, Cox, Hi Bates, Grapeshot, Chamberlain, Sweet, Annettas, Sunbury, Surprise, Hunter, Brown, Gideon, Cleo, Stella, Chamberlain, Grant, Sanderson, Ferguson, Pilgrim, Brown Mate; Steamer, Wenona.

The hefty commerce is subject to Rules [illegible].

MOVEMENTS OF CHICAGO VESSELS.

Vessels Arrived at Buffalo Nov. 27.

Schr M—Prop. Hunter; Sloop Wm. T. P. Bailey.

[illegible] Nov. 25, 1862.

[illegible] Tribune.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1862.

[illegible] NEWS.

From present appearances there will be [illegible] during the existing embers of [illegible] and [illegible] will certainly open [illegible] the ashes of the taple or [illegible] The bombardment of heavy [illegible] has ceased, if indeed it has not [illegible] question in Virginia which [illegible] of Richmond was [illegible] to be a decisive affair. Gen. Burn[illegible] is still eager for the fray," [illegible] Gen. Grant's army in motion, [illegible] to move on [illegible] Washington, in consulta[illegible] with the Administration, and has [illegible] to splice for the fray.

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The Tribune.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1862.

THE SITUATION ON THE POTOMAC.

Our Washington correspondent, who is unusually well informed, does not draw the happiest omens from the situation of our army on the Rappahannock. But as his letter is days older than our latest advices by telegraph, we may reasonably hope that something has occurred since he wrote to make our affairs in that quarter look a little less gloomy.

In one thing the country has probably been in error—in the expectation that no fight would be offered by the enemy until our advance guard should assail the intrenchments at Richmond. The rebel leaders seem about to defeat that hope, and, by fortifying the right bank of the Rappahannock, harrass and delay the march of our army until the falling rain and deepening mud make a further advance impossible. We trust in the reawakened energy and quickened hope of our officers and men to baffle that design. But we cannot conceal from our readers the fact that the season of active operations is fearfully short, and that a victory with its glorious consequences, or winter quarters and the incident disease, death and demoralization, cannot be many days removed.

THE NATIONAL TAX-LAW.

Papers of the kidney of the Chicago *Times* never lose an opportunity to indulge in a fling at the Excise Tax levied by the Federal Government for war purposes. The errors and mistakes in the tax-bill, and the inequality with which the burdens imposed thereby fall upon different branches of industry and upon different kinds of property, furnish them with material for complaint that, as the farmer turns over his manure heap to expose it to the sun and air, they have already tossed up full a dozen times. While we have no charity for the partisan objects which the conductors of all such journals have in view, we have no justification for the many absurdities of the tax law; and we trust that, as early as possible in the coming session of Congress, it will be defamended by the light of common sense and the brief experience that the country has had of its working.

Probably no man now in Congress ever had any share, before the present law, in framing a tax-bill for national purposes; and in spite of our census and other statistical tables, we doubt if half a dozen members had any just or comprehensive idea of the immense resources of the people, upon which the levy was to be placed. The product of such ignorance and inexperience was of course a crop of blunders for which the legislators are to be forgiven only upon the condition that they make haste to amend and correct what has been done amiss.

Of one thing the country is already assured—that the amount of money which will be raised by the operation of the law as it now stands, will far exceed the largest figure that the friends of the bill dared to name. It will literally be enormous if the act is rigidly enforced. Then, as it is not the object of the legislators to pay the current expenses of the war, a reduction of rates and the enlargement of the list of articles exempted, follow as a matter of course. It is evident, also, that the number of articles upon which a tax is laid is excessive; and that the principle which determined the making of the list so comprehensive is, whatever it may be in theory, false in practice, and that at least a thousand things named or indicated must be released from impost. It is evident also that in some cases the rate per cent. is too high, and that in others it may be considerably increased without detriment to the public weal. Articles of prime necessity—leather, salt, iron and the like—particularly these in which foreign dealers can compete with our own—should be as nearly free from impost as the wants of the Treasury will admit; which upon articles of luxury—gold watches, carriages, pianos, whisky, domestic wine, ale, beer, mahogany and rosewood furniture, domestic cigars, jewelry, &c.—the levy might be profitably increased. These, and a hundred other items of minor consequence should meet with quick attention; as we have no doubt they will.

In the meantime we exhort all tax-payers, where the burden bears unequally or is excessive, to patience. We have no doubt that the framers of the law acted faithfully and honestly according to the light they had, and that they will listen patiently and decide fairly upon all complaints that the attempt to execute the law has called forth. Of one thing they may be assured—that taxation—heavy taxation—of some sort is an inevitable necessity; and that, long before the war closes, the promptness and cheerfulness with which men pay what the exigency of the national situation demands, will be the guage by which their loyalty to the government may be measured. We are not sure that they are not so now. But until mistakes are corrected and the law is perfected, we may not rashly charge him who complains, with treason; because we know not whether his complaint is the result of opposition to taxation in any form, or to the blunders, some of which we have considered, by which the tax law is disfigured.

CONFISCATION.

The proclamation, or order, of the President of the United States recently issued, directing the Attorney General to proceed with the execution of the fifth, sixth and seventh sections of the confiscation act, and ordering all officers in the military service, when called upon, to render assistance to the civil authorities in that behalf, is most opportune. While loyal citizens are being taxed in every department of business to carry on the war against armed rebels, millions of dollars worth of rebel property, forfeited by law to the public treasury, lies within our grasp untouched. There is not a State, and hardly a city in the North, which does not contain property, real or personal, belonging to those who are either in arms against the Government, or are rendering aid and comfort to the rebellion by all means in their power. Hitherto nothing has been done to secure to the treasury the large revenue derivable from this source, for the reason that there have been no specific instructions issued from Washington for carrying the law into effect—the law itself presenting no instruments to marshals, district attorneys, or private individuals, to invest, gain and report the existence of such rebel property. Meanwhile, the accomplishment of the act of the rebel government has had its full scope, sweeping into the Richmond treasury every dollar of the property of loyal citizens which could be discovered. Every newspaper in the South has teemed with advertisements of sequestered property for a twelvemonth.

The seventh section of the confiscation act prescribes the general principles and plan for the seizure and sale of the property forfeited by the rebellious acts of the owner. It is as follows:

"Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That to secure the confiscation and sale of any or such property as may be made liable to confiscation by the provisions of this act, the attorney for the district in which the property may be found, or to which it may be brought, or in the District of Columbia, or any Territorial Court, or in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, within which the property may be found, or to which it may be brought, may file a petition of information in the nature of a proceeding in rem, stating briefly the property, and the place where it is supposed to be, and the names of the owners or claimants thereof, if known, and praying the seizure and condemnation thereof; and the district court shall cause the property described in the petition to be seized, if not already in custody, and shall cause notice to be given to the owners of or claimants to the property to appear and show cause why the same should not be condemned and sold, and the proceeds thereof paid into the treasury of the United States for the purposes of this act."

Stated briefly, the section provides that the entire property be brought against the property of the rebel without regard to the ownership of his person, and the property condemned and sold summarily, and the proceeds put into the public treasury.

The value of the property forfeited, the recent action of Gen. Butler in Louisiana, and the new system of cotton brokerage inaugurated by Gen. Grant, promise the realization of enormous sums of money to the government, reducing by so much the burden falling upon loyal citizens, and taking from the rebels a large portion of the means which would otherwise be employed in prosecuting their impious war. The law operates equally against those in the North who are lending aid to Jeff Davis as against those in the South who are fighting under his banners, and it will fall with unsparing severity upon every traitor in the land. It will dry up the springs of rebellion in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Louisiana with a rapidity which nothing else could effect, and will render it unnecessary hereafter to maintain standing armies in districts which have once been brought within Federal jurisdiction. Let Attorney General Bates give the act its proper enforcement and we shall soon witness a happier order of things in every portion of the country within our military lines.

THE INDEPENDENT BLOCKHEAD.

The absurd recommendation of the New York *Independent*, that a new crop of the legal tender notes of the Government should be issued to supply a want of currency, clinches the charge of unreliability which has been many times urged against the financial and commercial articles of that able and impartial journal. And the reason which it sets forth for the advocacy of a policy so false and ruinous, betrays its blank ignorance of the principles upon which all successful experiments in finance must rest. That reason is a want of money for the demands of business. Did the financial editor of the *Independent* never hear that this "scarcity of money" is the invariable and necessary accompaniment, paradoxical as it may seem, of the unnatural excitement which a plethora of currency creates; and that, to satisfy the public appetite for money when the rage for speculation is high, and prices of all commodities are rising, is just as much an impossibility as to lull a storm by casting, Chinese fashion, bits of paper to the wind. We tell the *Independent*, gratuitously, what it will by and by learn at great cost, that the "business" which it would supply with new promises-to-pay, whether made by the Government or by the banks, is speculation, the era of which is so marked that nobody can mistake it; and that the remedy is not in stimulants which created the disease, but in depletion which will withdraw from the circulation the excess of paper that the necessities of the government have injected into it. And we tell it, further, that the danger ahead is not that there will not be currency enough, but that, *nolens volens*, the government will be obliged to so inflate the volume of paper money afloat, that the returns of commercial and financial affairs to their normal condition can be accomplished, only through bankruptcy and ruin.

The Wrothings of a Traitor.

The Democratic State Convention of New Hampshire met at Concord a few days since and produced some characteristic developments. We find the following speech, by a recent inmate of Fort Warren, reported in the Boston *Journal*:

Dr. Batcheider ascended the platform, and spoke for a few minutes in a very excited manner. He announced himself a rebel. He was locked up for forty days in a jail he had never seen the inside of before, because he was in favor of the Constitution as it was—white people and not for niggers. Slavery was right. It could not be proved that slavery was a sin. Any one could acquire this position. The forearms of negroes were four inches longer than a white man's. They never sprung from Adam. The doctor gave several other of the pro-slavery physiological theories, and said, "God never made an animal, except a skunk, that smelt half so bad."

When the customary resolutions were offered, the Tory Doctor was again brought to the front by a resolution which "remembered with pride the courage and gallantry of our soldiers now in the field," and tendered sympathy to "the friends of those who have fallen in defense of the Constitution and the Union." The Dr. B. moved to strike out "Constitution," for he declared that "he did not believe that our soldiers had been fighting for the Constitution, but for their thirteen dollars a month." And this foul blot upon the noble men who have left home and friends to fight the battles of their country, was not rebuked by the convention. Instead of being indignantly hustled out of the hall, he was gently remonstrated with by one speaker for imperiling the success of the party.

Boston Papers.

The price of the Boston newspapers is to be raised. The *Journal*, *Traveller* and *Transcript* will sell their papers by wholesale at $2.25 per hundred; single copies, three cents. The *Herald*, which has been a penny paper, will be sold for two cents. The *Herald* is informed that the *Post*, *Advertiser* and *Courier* will be sold at three cents, but will be reduced in size. These changes take place next Monday. They are rendered absolutely necessary by the present prices of the materials employed. Printing paper in that locality costs about twice as much to-day as it did a few weeks ago.

The President's Message.

The Washington telegraphic correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press*, says that the President's Message will probably be transmitted to the press by telegraph. No copies will be sent out in advance. The message, it is understood, will be delivered on the first day of the session. The object of this course is understood to be the prevention of a premature disclosure of its contents, and to enable the President to avail himself of the latest official intelligence.

The Peril of Starvation in the Rebel Army.

A statistical correspondent of the Savannah (Ga.) *Republican*, puts forth a series of startling calculations, going to show that the Southern army and the Southern people are alike in peril of starvation. He declares that if the whisky distilleries that are springing up everywhere are not prohibited, the rebel army will have to be disbanded for want of provisions in less than eight months. It requires 56,500,000 bushels of grain and 183,500,000 pounds of bacon to supply the army alone for one year. Besides this, there is a population of about eight millions to sustain. In addition to the danger of starvation arising from a multiplication of distilleries, the writer says the negroes will be led into dissipation and consequent insurrection.

A Great Change of Heart.

The Roxbury (Mass.) *Journal* learns on excellent authority that the Rev. Dr. N. Adams of Boston (author of "A South Side View,") voted the Republican ticket at the late election, and declared publicly that he considered and meant it as a vote for Charles Sumner. This is a change, indeed. Dr. Adams, heretofore, has been counted one of the most intransigente pro-slavery men in the North.

Total Eclipse of the Moon.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon early on Sunday night, December 6, throughout the United States. At 11:55 p. m. the moon, however, will be frequently visible, and in color resembling a copper disc. At the eclipse here occurs at about midnight, the moon will be high, and at Cuba near the zenith. It will take place as follows at Chicago: Begins at 11:55 p. m., and ends at 2:41 a. m. This is the last eclipse that will be visible in this country for several years.

The Number of Rebel Conscripts.

The Newbern *Progress* says that the rebels raised only about 60,000 by the last conscription, and that more than three-fourths of that number were declared by the surgeons to be unfit for duty. So that the conscription, vigorous and relentless as it was, carrying fire and desolation wherever it went, furnished less than 10,000 effective soldiers.

Murdering Union Men.

We learn from the Nashville *Union* of November 15th, that the information that four Union citizens were murdered at Snow's Hill in South county, Tennessee, by rebel guerillas. A day of reckoning will certainly come.

Terrible Murder.

Wm. McFall, a farmer, residing near Lacon, in this State, was shot and instantly killed while asleep in his bed, on Friday night of last week. The wife of the murdered man has been arrested on suspicion of being guilty of the foul deed.

NEW SCHEME.—It is announced that four of the seven territories will make application for admission into the Union at Senate at the next session of Congress. The territories are to be admitted to 3 as slaves; probably Utah, Dakotah, Nevada and Arizona.

FROM GEN. GRANT'S ARMY.

The Late Rebel Cavalry Raid.

THE REBEL FORCE NOW AT HOLLY SPRINGS.

The Campaign Southward About to Commence.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

IN THE FIELD, LEFT WING, ARMY OF TENNESSEE, Nov. 20, 1862.

The news to-night is uncommonly meagre, except in relation to army movements, of which mention is unquestionably improper. An important movement will speedily be made, of which I shall take care to give you the earliest intelligence, when the proper time arrives.

The cavalry raid *a la* Stuart, of which I telegraphed you brief particulars last night, is of but little importance, except as showing to what lengths rebel audacity can be carried. From the best information in my possession, I am inclined to think that to Roddis' cavalry was committed this enterprise. It seems that this force was stationed the other side of the Tennessee, from whence they crossed the river at Eastport, and traveling along the bank until they reached Hamburg, struck across the country to the Mobile and Ohio railroad at Henderson. Here they destroyed the telegraph and ripped up the railroad track, burned the depot buildings, set fire to cotton, captured the telegraph operator and played the old Nick generally. From Henderson they marched to Pulaon, and committed similar depredations, but finding the important points on the road too strongly guarded, they wisely concluded to "get out of that" and seek a more congenial climate. Accordingly, after having delayed the railroad trains for twenty-four hours, and cut us off from telegraphic communication with Corinth for the same length of time, they departed westwardly for the Mississippi Central railroad, which they struck between Meadon and Bolivar. The only damage they done here was to cut the telegraph wire and tear down a few poles. It is not known whether the pursuing cavalry of guard added haste to their movements, but the inference is natural. From here they marched in a southwesterly direction, since when I have heard nothing of them. They will probably be heard from to-morrow on the line of the Memphis and Charleston railroad, west of Moscow. From thence they will probably make a bee line for the Tallahatchie and join their *confreres*.

This cavalry raid of the rebels is thought to indicate important movements. It is not improbable that they desire to attract our attention by these bold cavalry dashes to cover their retreat to a point considerably south of Tallahatchie, possibly Grenada, although some have thought that Vicksburg is the point indicated. Yesterday a "reliable contraband" came in with the latter report, and for a time I believe it was contemplated to send Col. Lee with his cavalry division and a few pieces of artillery to feel of the enemy and discover if possible his intentions. If this project was at first entertained, it was speedily abandoned, and hence I judge the report lacked corroboration.

One of our scouts returned from Holly Springs this morning, but brings nothing new or important. The enemy are not there in any force. He counted thirty pickets, all told, in town—not a very formidable force, truly.

In the coming Federal movement, Col. Lee will probably have the advance, and will doubtless have small account to settle with the citizens and others who were concerned in hanging the poor negro who gave us valuable information during our recent occupation of Holly Springs.

I notice that you characterize the recent abandonment of Holly Springs as "a retrograde movement not easily explained." I imagined that expedition was never intended as an advance movement—simply a reconnoissance in force, the object being not so much the occupation of Holly Springs as to discover the enemy's position and his intentions. In any point of view, it was eminently successful, and just what was intended was accomplished. The same scouts who reports that yesterday's small force was not exceeding a hundred, came from Holly Springs to Lamar, this side of Hudsonville, and laid violent hands upon a trestle work sixty feet long which crosses a ravine near that place. This of course will stop our progress South until it be repaired. A provision depot will probably be established at Lamar, and from thence wagon trains will run South to the headquarters of the army until all the culverts and bridges between here and Holly Springs are reconstructed.

The military commission which has been sitting at Gen. Hamilton's headquarters for several days, for the trial of cotton thieves, is still in full blast, and will doubtless arrive at some conclusion within a day or two. I forbear to speak of the affair at length until the sentence of the court is known.

There are also court-martials in progress in this wing of the army for the trial of various officers charged with violations of regulations and disobedience or orders. One of these is under the presidency of Brig. Gen. McArthur of your city.

One of the prisoners captured by Col. Lee, the other day, informed me that the Confederate Government was about to adopt a different line of policy towards cotton-buyers, and to discontinue the practice of burning cotton till latterly so much in vogue.

He also said his own Lieutenant had resigned his commission, and was buying all he could lay his hands upon, in anticipation of Federal occupation. He was confident the war would be ended and a peace concluded on terms honorable to both Governments within the next sixty days. In his anticipations of peace, I confess I do not join. Peace to be durable, must be conquered, and this entire country forced to yield to the supremacy of the Government. It will be a bitter pill for the instigators of this rebellion to swallow, no matter how much gilded or sugar-coated, but the dose is inevitable.

The preliminary movements of the campaign are now almost completed, the blow will be soon struck, and this portion of the bogus Confederacy will speedily be conquered. That the day may hasten is the prayer of loyal men everywhere.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Armies of the Rappahannock—Present Views and Future Prospects—The Press to the Furnace of Affliction Again—The Sanders Appeal Gen. Sigel.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21, 1862.

The President has gone to Aquia to see the two armies of the East who appear to be making a stand—Gen. Burnside's on the north side and Gen. Lee's on the south side of the Rappahannock. Our forces have all arrived at the river; and the rebels are believed to have a force at least equal to their twenty-two corps, on the hills behind Fredericksburg, and to be hurrying the rest of their troops to the same line as rapidly as possible. Their railroad is in running order to Richmond—ours will not be finished before next week. Whether theirs has capacity of transportation for the necessary supplies of so many men as are under Gen. Lee's command is not known. Ours, in the opinion of Gen. Haupt, who must have all the information touching the question in his possession, and who is regarded to be the most energetic and capable railroad man that is or ever has been in the employ of the government, cannot possibly carry more than a day and a half's rations for the army in twenty-four hours—enough to feed the men, but not enough to form a siege basis. Supplies can, however, at least after the national troops have possession of both banks, be brought in transports to Falmouth and Fredericksburg, and this route has been recommended by Quartermaster General Meigs.

It is not satisfactory to know that our "Onward to Richmond" army is at a stand-still, and that the very first step of its advance toward the rebel capital from its new base is to be vigorously disputed. It is not agreeable to know that still a week must elapse before the railroad upon which it seems so greatly to depend, can be finished. Nor is it a cheerful circumstance that the invisible siege train is on its way to Aquia. Every cool breeze that blows, every frost each rain reminds us that winter is approaching, and hardship and mud will again demand the allegiance of our Generals. Let us hope that it will not be paid him this year, at least until he has supremely shall have been definitely established, after a hard fight with his majesty.

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He see it is that several gentlemen, who hold first class positions on first class journals, and seem to resort to subterfuge, are unable to reach Aquia Creek, while the "hordes of the press," as Mr. Minister Harvey, formerly correspondent of the Charleston *Mercury* and the New York *Tribune*, used to term the *Herald* men here—make their way thither by hook or crook. From those who were lucky enough to be within the lines when the blockade was established, or undignified enough to take passage as paymaster's clerks, medical assistants, or the like messengers came, armed with the proper passes from Gen. Hamside.

The slanderers of Gen. Sigel are at work again, and I am sorry to say, find willing ears in military circles here and even at the headquarters of the General-in-Chief. One story which Gen. Halleck is reported to credit was to the effect that two of Sigel's regiments—the 26th Wisconsin and 119th New York—abandoned Thoroughfare Gap in such a panic from apprehension of an enemy who was not in their vicinity that they threw away many of their guns and left behind much of their baggage. The truth is that when these two regiments were ordered to leave Gainesville, the officers at fault—the higher officers declare that they were not consulted—thinking erroneously that there was no transportation for them, left behind a box of muskets, not more than fifty in all, and a very few tents. When Gen. Sigel heard of the occurrence he was extremely indignant, and reprimanded the officers in command very sharply. But however much they were to blame, they were not, as we are assured by officers in a position to know, in a panic stricken at all; at least not till they found the telegraph wires cut down in consequence of the order of Washington which raged in official as well as unofficial quarters. Gen. Halleck is a pretty man to grumble about panic-stricken soldiers; a General who antiquated an attack of Washington from Stonewall's exhausted cavalry after they had crossed the river and started for Winchester, and who seconded by his staff officers, sent troops here under arms, and doubled the patrols, and provided buckets to extinguish the bridges in case they were fired.

Another story to the effect that some of Sigel's troops refused greenbacks as pay is equally unfounded. Not a paymaster has been near a regiment of them for more than a month.

FROM NORTHERN IOWA.

McGregor and its Trade—The Tribune and the Times—Railroad Progress, &c.

[Correspondence Chicago Tribune.]

MCGREGOR, Iowa, Nov. 20, 1862.

Have you ever heard of McGregor, save by now and then glancing over the list of noted arrivals? Possibly not, and yet it is the commercial centre around which Northern Iowa turns, as the universe is supposed to revolve around that ancient city called Boston. Not because McGregor is a modern Athens. The fact that it, or rather its untertified inhabitants—gave sixty-four votes for Mahony, for Lincoln, arch traitor and Tory candidate for Congress, knocks the sand from under that theory; not because it is a moral and temperate community, the aforesaid fact demolishes that theory also; but because it is the outlet, the gateway to the Mississippi and to the means of transportationEastward for a large part of the northern portion of the Hawkeye State, and of the southern portion of Minnesota. It is an incorporated city, of about 3,500 inhabitants, on the Mississippi River, 535 miles above St. Louis, and 361 miles below St. Paul. The principal business is produce buying and forwarding. Look at the figures of the trade of 1861—those for this year not being made up yet: Wheat, 1,548,660 bushels; flour, 14 419 barrels; lard, 3,320 kegs; butter, 265,940 pounds; green hides, 178,645 pounds; dry hides, 97,540 pounds; sheep pelts, 36,928 pounds. There, if you haven't heard of McGregor, your commission merchants have. As for what it buys, that will probably never be known; but it is a vast amount, by the thing, however, is well ascertained, and that is, that notwithstanding the sixty-three majority for Mahony, it takes about 200 copies of the Chicago TRIBUNE, and about 80 of the *Times*, because the Mahonyites are not generally of the reading class; because even some of them repudiate the disloyal sheet, and because the correspondents are so familiar with penitentiaries and guard houses, and because the TRIBUNE is loyal, recognizing it as a part of the Union, to universal freedom, and to the prompt dissemination of news among the people, no matter of which color or how Randolph street Tory neighbor pleads guilty, unless it be the latter, and that only by publishing extracts from Southern and English papers, and lauding to the skies Gen. McClellan by some foreign sprig of royalty, bred to fawn upon his superiors in position only, and who took good care to be absent from the grand general upon the eve of a battle, having suddenly learned that his important personage and royal highness was needed in Europe.

I learn by the *Times* of this city that the 27th Iowa gave you three rousing cheers on its way through your city. Accept them, Messrs. Editors, as the united three times three of every loyal man, woman and child in Northern Iowa, for your fearlessness in defending the cause of the Union, and pioneering the march of human progress toward freedom and freedom.

The long talked-of—our partially built railroad from this point west to Fort Atkinson, and from there westwardly, has indefinitely, seems to have assumed a tangible shape. Several prominent capitalists from your city have been here examining the project, and, it is said, will bore much truth I know not, that a loan of several hundred thousand dollars has been effected to build the road. If there is no possibility of getting the shekels through to the Mississippi, why could not Chicago capitalists do something toward building a road from Warren, on the Illinois Central, through to this point, and thus secure the trade of Northern Iowa, Southern Minnesota, and ultimately, Dacotah? The route would be through Grant county, Wisconsin, one of the largest and best counties in the State, a great portion of the trade of which goes to Milwaukee by the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien railroad. The inhabitants of Grant county are anxious to have a road built, and have already subscribed liberally. I do not know that the project is feasible, but it is certainly worth looking into. HAWKEYE.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID.

Rebels' Slaves Must be Freed.

[Correspondent of the New York Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 1862.

Mr. Carey of Kentucky—the only Emancipationist in Congress from that State—had a very interesting interview with the President a day or two since. Mr. Carey informed Mr. Lincoln that while originally he did not like his emancipation proclamation, that now he did not believe it could be repealed—that even the position he had taken; that would be so universally regarded as an evidence of weakness in the government. The President informed him that he need have no fears on that score—he should *not* take back a word. He had no desire to interfere with the people of loyal States on this subject; and he would not do so; but as for rebels, let them prepare for emancipation!

Mr. Carey shows that he possesses the old-fashioned Kentucky manliness and truth. "Though this proclamation might not originally have suited me," says he, "and even it has not, in every thing, however, it would profit me you do so cowardly a thing as to retrace your steps at the dictation of Democrats and slaveholders." The President put his hand warm, but they contain the meaning and sense of those words.

In discussing the whole subject, the President gave evidence of much thought upon it; and some of his ideas were original and striking. One of them I will allude to in detail. Mr. Lincoln said that he had often thought of the narrow escape of the South from a general slave insurrection the winter after the first election of 1860. The Fremont campaign, as is well known, was followed by one attempt at insurrection in Tennessee. The slave-masters of the South charged the Republican party with exciting, through the freedom of the slaves; and not only that, but with a purpose, if Fremont was elected, to forcibly settle the slaves free. The slaves all over the South were full of discontent at the defeat of the Republicans. This discontent in some localities came near to developing into open insurrection. This fact made a deep impression upon the mind of the President, and he told Mr. Carey that the whole South understood fully now, as they have never understood before, that the Northern people are friendly to their freedom. Whether they are mistaken or not, the whole slave population of the South *expects its freedom at our hands*. These black millions are waiting patiently for their time to come, and if they are disappointed—if given them their freedom, they will take it! This was the idea of the President, and it strikes me as a very important one. It is, therefore, wise, Mr. Lincoln's motto to all the people concerned, to take the matter into our own hands, for we can control it. The slaves in their ignorance and idle fear, nor is it certainly to be the most energetic and capable railroad man that is or ever has been in the employ of the government, cannot possibly carry more than a day and a half's rations for the army in twenty-four hours—enough to feed the men, but not enough to form a siege basis. Supplies can, however, at least after the national troops have possession of both banks, be brought in transports to Falmouth and Fredericksburg, and this route has been recommended by Quartermaster General Meigs.

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STATE SECRETS BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

STARTLING REVELATIONS

The Seward-Seymour Plot

[From Wilkes' Spirit of the Times, Nov. 29.

The honest, earnest, loyal-minded North, which drew so deep a breath of ease when McClellan was removed, should not refuse to apprehension is too long a furlough. Dangers of greater significance and deeper root remain behind; and till they be corrected, the country will continue to plunge on, as purpose-less as a dismasted ship, with an unseen leak stoking her to the bottom. Generals cannot save the nation if its counsellors are false. A stalwart people might replace armies which imbecility had surrendered to the enemy, but no amount of heart can restore the capitulations of a false diplomacy. For once we concede to treason even so much as the opening for a sally, the fracture widens, and our only is split forever.

We must by this language to declare our fixed belief that we are even now upon the brink of ruin, and that the permanent division of this vast Republic is inevitable, unless *William H. Seward be quickly taken from the helm of the Government*. And this, on our part, is no league and idle fear; nor is it entertained solely by ourselves. Thousands of thinking men, who have watched with wonder Mr. Seward's course since he exchanged letters with the traitors of the Senate, share this opinion with us and foresee as we do, that unless some fresh hand take possession of the wheel, and put it hard down against our previous course, the Union will be soon upon the rocks.

It is Mr. Seward who is the author of the tame and wavering policy which has for the last two years characterized our treatment of the South. It was Mr. Seward who, with a blindness which denies all presumption of his statesmanship, refused to recognize the possibility of a rebellion. It was he, who on this false calculation stemmed the shameful surrenders of Buchanan; he who received the spotted traitors of the revolted States when an insulted sovereignty should have consigned them to a scaffold; and it was he, too, who held the hands of the President, while Letcher & Co. fooled us of Norfolk and Harper's Ferry, and thus bore off Virginia to the arms of the Confederates. Even then, this famous statesman did not seem to realize that war was in the wind, and by way of making sure of peace, conceived the bright notion of letting the cotton States retire, on the profound idea that the border-ring would stay; nay, that the recession would be soon be blushingly returned, and humbly entreat to be left out no longer "in the cold." He had in his prescient eye a little plan of a convention for this purpose, after the pattern of that which Seymour & Co. fought for in the late election; while as a windward anchor, in case this hope should fail, he calculated to depose the country by an agitation on the side of Canada, as an offset for the amputation on the Gulf. *This* precious scheme, originally designed to trip their heels from the throne of the Saviour of mankind, and restore the reign of hell to the earth, found in Mr. Seward a ready supporter. It is time to abandon the abolition churches. Refuse them support. It is time to speak out. The Bloody Sabbath vows must be a terror to evil. Democracy, and support a set of abolition traitors. When you find such, to your pews at Jefferson Hall. The Priest! We refer to the history of the world from the period when the abolition priest teamed with the Jacobin.

FRENCH INVASION OF MEXICO.

Interesting Unreported Correspondence.

[From the N. Y. Times.]

Through a semi-official channel, we have been placed in possession of the official correspondence recently exchanged between the Diplomatic Corps in Mexico and the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, with reference to the banishment in the early part of last month by the Mexican government of the French bishop, Jecker, and six other French subjects who had been suspected in active correspondence not only with the French of Mexico but with the French Government, and the nature of the intrigues which have largely influenced its action thus far in the expedition to Mexico.

Cumberland River.

[From the Nashville Union, 20th.]

Cumberland River is deplorably low. A gentleman who has been connected with the Cumberland packet business, informed us that there are but four inches of water on Harpeth Shoals. The river has not been so low since 1838. The weather has been clear and cold for some days; at present it is cloudy, with a prospect of snow instead of rain.

NOVEMBER 19TH, 1862.

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THE MERCANTILE ASSOCIATION desire Photographs of all members of the MERCANTILE BATTERY, and persons having copies of the same will please return them to W. H. MADDEN, No. 120 South Water street.

NOTICE—Packages and letters for the MERCANTILE BATTERY can be left with Wm. Hyde, 120 South Water street, and will be forwarded as opportunity occurs.

W. H. MADDEN,
Secretary Mercantile Association.

NOTICE—All persons having claims against the County of Cook are requested to hand them into the County Clerk's office on or before the first day of December next.

E. F. BILLARD, County Clerk.
Chicago, Nov. 24, 1862.

I AM THE AGENT FOR THE sale of the best Iron FEED MILL AND SHELLER now in use. It will shell from 200 to 300 bushels per hour, and the work they will do. The Mills can be seen at 47 and 49 CANAL STREET, CHICAGO. Wholesale, Retail and Jobbing. Also, Agent for the sale of Wood's Patent Mowing Machines, Reapers and Combined Machines. Office and Depot, No. 107 Lake street. Factory, corner of Wood, Water and Washington streets. Also, Agent for the sale of PALMER'S PATENT SCALES

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1862.

THE CITY.

CLOSING OF THE CANAL.—On Wednesday next the Illinois and Michigan Canal will be closed and the water drawn off. So says a dispatch from Supt. Preston.

RIGHT STAMPS FOR BANK CHECKS.—On and after to-day the Government requires all bank checks to have affixed a two cent stamp. John R. Walsh, cor. Madison and Custom House Place, has now a supply of stamps for checks, notes, protests and all others that are ready.

COURSE OF LECTURES.—The Episcopal Bishop of Illinois proposes delivering a series of lectures at the Bishop's Church, commencing this (Sunday) afternoon and continuing each following Sabbath until further notice. The hour for service is three o'clock. Subject:—The life and writings of St. Peter.

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.—We are pleased to note a handsome increase in the earnings of the Michigan Central railroad, for the week ending Nov. 21st, over the corresponding period of last year. A statement received from H. E. Sargent, esq. General agent of the company, shows the earnings to have been, for the week named, $75,534.96, an increase of 19,940.41.

IN TRIPLICATE.—The wife of Andrew McGowan, living on Chicago avenue, near Carpenter street, gave birth, on Thanksgiving day, to three boys—all fat and healthy. Andrew says he is always glad for any favors, but is afraid this is too much of a good thing to be very often repeated, with impunity. The aggregate weight of these "episodes" was 36¾ pounds.

GOTTSCHALK AND PATTI COMING.—The distinguished pianist Gottschalk, and Carlotti Patti, the favorite prima donna, are to give a series of concerts in this city early in December. The dates have not as yet been definitely fixed. MAX STRAKOSH, "ye agent accompli," will, as usual, be the avant courier and manager of the opera. Tickets will be for sale at Higgins'.

REMOVAL OF THE ILLINOIS WATER CURE AND HYGIENIC INFIRMARY.—This justly popular establishment has been removed from Peoria to Secor, Woodford county, on the L. P. and B. R. R., twenty-six miles from Peoria. Visitors to the new location will find a pleasant and quiet retreat, and a commodious building thoroughly furnished throughout. Dr. M. Nevins still retains charge of its institution.

LECTURE AND FESTIVAL AT HARLEM.—We are requested to state that there will be a lecture and festival at Harlem, on this evening and next Friday evening, to raise a fund to defray the expenses of fitting up the lecture room of the Harlem School House as a place of worship. The lecture will be delivered by Hemingway of this city. Tickets 50 cents, and may be had either of Geo. B. Davis at Harlem, or of Mr. Dunlop, 40 South Clark street.

ANTHONY, THE ARTIST.—We learn that Mr. ANTHONY, who has recently made Chicago his home, and with his associate, Mr. VOLK, began the enterprising and meritorious work of establishing a permanent studio and art gallery in our city, leaves this evening for the South. The kindly interest of Admiral Porter, of the Mississippi Squadron, afforded him facilities by which he hopes to reach his family and bring them back with him to his new home in our midst.

NOT LIKE A WAR TIME.—Grass has not grown in our streets, spiders have not cobwebbed the entrances to our places of business. The store of Messrs. W. H. C. Miller & Co., No. 35 South Clark street, has been beautifully refitted, and is all ablaze within with their costly stock of Jewelry, Silverplate, &c., &c., which their connections and facilities enable them to sell at manufacturers' prices, notwithstanding it is a war time. This hint is a good one for the holidays.

NUMBER OF MEN IN CHICAGO LIABLE TO DRAFT.—By official authority it is stated that the enrollment books give the whole number of men in Chicago liable to draft as 23,151, and place the number enlisted from the city at 2,443. In the different Wards the number of those upon whom the draft would be operative is set down as follows: 1st Ward, 2,774; 2d, 2,498; 3d, 2,113; 4th, 1,259; 5th, 2,147; 6th, 3,661; 7th, 3,347; 8th, 1,527; 9th, 1,368; 10th, 3,157.

READINGS BY PROF. GRIFFITH.—An arrangement has been completed by which Prof. A. A. Griffith, the gifted elocutionist, will give one of his popular readings and recitations before the Young Men's Association on Thursday evening, Dec. 11. A distinguished clergyman of this city, who has heard Prof. Griffith many times, speaks of him as possessing wonderful power and control of voice, and intimates that we may expect a rare vocal exhibition in his readings of Poe's "Bells," and other vocal gems.

WAR MEETING.—The Thirty-Fifth War Meeting, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be held in the Indiana Street M. E. Church, on Indiana street near Clark, (Rev. I. H. Bagben,) this, (Sabbath,) evening. During the past two weeks many very interesting letters have been received from our regiment in the field. The items of interest will be given and the work of the Association in behalf of our soldiers reviewed by several speakers. All are invited.

AMBROSE AND JACKSON.—These men who have already a well earned reputation as most successful caterers to cultivated tastes, did themselves additional credit by their splendid tables prepared for their guests at the Stewart House, on Thanksgiving evening. The taste displayed in the arrangement and decoration of the tables is seldom equaled, and their bill of fare left nothing further to be desired by the most fastidious or capricious. Their hundred guests had a happy time and did ample justice to a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner.

WELL MERITED SUCCESS.—The out of a gold medal which we give in our column of new advertisements is a *fac simile* of the one presented to the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Company by the State Agricultural Society at its last State Fair, but which, on account of the time being lost, were only struck off in the past week. To day the first gold medal awarded to sewing machines, and as all the leading machines were represented in the contest, this triumph for the Grover & Baker will add to its already deserved popularity.

THE EXTRADITION CASE—TODD COMMITTED.—Westley Todd, the alleged forger, whose arrest on Wednesday, on a charge of forgery committed in Brampton, Canada, and subsequent escape and re-arrest, was narrated in the TRIBUNE of Saturday, was brought before United States Commissioner Hoyne, on Saturday, and fully committed. He is now in our Cook county jail awaiting the action of the Executive of this State, by whose requisition alone he can be delivered to the Canadian authorities. The papers in the case have also been forwarded to Secretary of State Seward and his reply will be anxiously looked for by those interested.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY DINNER.—On Monday evening, as has been heretofore announced, the members of the St. Andrews Society will assemble at the Briggs House on the occasion of their annual dinner. To those who have in former times enjoyed these festive gatherings at the sons of auld Scotia, it is needless for us to say a word in commendation. To the public generally we simply say that rarely is the opportunity presented for the rational pleasure afforded by this entertainment. Toasts sings and kindly speeches rule the hour, and in the meantime the "inner man" is securely provided for. The tables will be under the gentle charge of that distinguished caterer M. H. French, which fact is in itself a sufficient guarantee for their excellence. We hope to see every their occupied.

GOLD AND SILVER PLATING.—There are very few articles in which the public are more frequently deceived, than in plated silver ware. It is not generally understood that plated ware that will wear off by one day's service, appears as well as the best triple-plated. Hence the proper and economical course is to buy new articles from some reliable, practical house, or get those you have re-plated, when required. T. Gough, 124 North Clark street, between Madison and Monroe, possesses all the latest improvements in plating, and is prepared to execute all kinds of re-plating, at reasonable rates. Also, manufacturer of all ware of plated, which looks better and wears longer than any other. Also, manufacturer of gilt wire of plated, which looks better and wears longer than any other. Also, manufacturer of all kinds of gilt wire of plated, which looks better and wears longer than any other. Also, manufacturer of all kinds of gilt wire of plated, which looks better and wears longer than any other.

MARINE ITEMS.—The Brig Mohegan lost her canvas and the principal part of her rigging. She is lying at Benton Harbor, and will have for a couple of days to lay by.

The schooner Fairchild, on Saturday down the bay, fouled the schooner Edward Smith and ran head on the bluff at Port Union. At the time of the accident the Fairchild was under the charge of a pilot, and was coming up the river. The Smith was not damaged.

The Chicago Medical Union:

This old and excellent institution has taken a new lease of life and public confidence, by the adoption of a plan advertised elsewhere, and best explaining itself to those interested. The plan applies both to the permanently sick and poorer of the Union, and to the attendance it offers to our really invalid outside its list of active members. There have been added to its membership, since its reorganization in July last, from forty to fifty active members—making from seventy to eighty the present number of members of choral voices. There is also a preparatory class connected with this Society, which is numerously attended. As soon as the members of this class are able to pass the critical examination of Mr. Balatka, (the Society's conductor,) they may then become members of the Society itself. This standard of examination is uniform and of a character to insure progress to the organization, and the supply of fresh material to its effective force.

As advertised in another column, the very efficient Executive Board of the Union, have determined to organize a grand plan of entertainments, which will combine the vocal with instrumental, and the best talent at home or abroad.

The Executive Board, with their conductor, Mr. Balatka, are determined to spare no pains nor expense to accomplish this result.

It is designed to sell as many tickets as may be in consideration of the capacity at Bryan Hall—each membership ticket costing $5.00, and admitting one gentleman and two ladies.

There will be five concerts (orchorios, operatic selections, &c.) with a chorus of eighty voices, making with the orchestra over 100 performers. The first of the series will be announced about the middle of December.

The High price of Wood—A Suggestion.

There is something truly startling in the figures now placed upon fire wood by the dealers. Where in the laboring man with his dollar or his dollar and a half per day, a family to support and rent to pay, who can afford to keep warm when he is compelled to expend from six and a half to eight dollars per cord for his fuel? But it is for another class that we are about to plead; the wives and families of the brave men now facing death on the battle field. Many of the husbands have been months without pay, and they and their families have exhausted the last cent in providing food to drive away actual starvation.

These are to be the real sufferers. Those the shivering ones who will sit around a cold hearth-stone, while on some bitter morning they shall be found with the fountains of life absolutely frozen up. We are aware that efforts are now being made by individuals to raise a fund to be used in relieving the families of volunteers, and that the Common Council have appropriated a sum of money for charitable purposes, and appointed a committee to disburse it. This action is commendable and right, but it does not reach the point. What we conceive to be necessary now, is to obtain a supply of wood which can be furnished at a price within the reach of the poorer classes.

It is well known that good wood can be purchased at a reasonable distance from the city in certain directions, at from $2 to $2.50 per cord. In view of this fact we suggest to the Common Council Committee on Charities, of which Ald. F. C. Brown is Chairman, that they make an immediate effort to induce the various railroads, along whose lines, the prices named above obtain, to transport a certain number of cords each, free of any charge for freight. If the application was properly made we believe that the liberal and patriotic managers of these companies would at once accede.

This would give the poor a limited supply at least, at reasonable prices, and would add immensely to the comfort of many a household too proud to beg, and too poor to pay the at present exhorbitant rates.

The experiment is at least worth trying, and we commend it to the aldermen of the Committee.

St. Andrew's Day.

To-day (Nov. 30th) is observed in honor of St. Andrew the Apostle, and is called "St. Andrew's Day." This distinguished man whose pure life and noble acts are familiar even at the late day, was a native of Bethsada, a town in Galilee situated upon the lake of Genneareth. He was the son of Jonas or John, a fisherman of that town, and brother to Simon Peter. It is evident from the record that he possessed the confidence of his Master and that he accompanied Christ, assisting him in various ways, when his most remarkable miracles were performed. He at the last laid down his life for the cause he had so faithfully served, having been subjected at Ægea to the martyr's death of crucifixion. In the year 1260 his bones were placed in the Abbey of St. Victor, in Marseilles, where they now remain. It was in his honor that Philip the Good, instituted the Knights of the Golden Fleece, who for their badge wear what is called St. Andrew's cross. This is devised from the instrument of his death, which is said to have been in the form of a letter X, being a cross decussate, two pieces of timber crossing each other in the middle.

The Scots honor St. Anrew as the principal patron of their country, and in A. D. 369 they built the Church and Monastery of St. Andrew to perpetuate his memory. Where now the city of St. Andrew stands, Kenneth II. King of the Scots entirely extinguished the Picts in 835. The arm of the Martyr Saint is now reverently kept in the Church of St. Regulas, or Rgeil, a magnificent edifice in that city.

Advent.

For the greater solemnity of the three principal holidays of the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches, to-wit: Christmas, Easter and Whit-Sunday, there has been appointed, by the proper Ecclesiastical authority, certain days to precede and follow them with appropriate services. The four Sundays before Christmas have the name of Advent from the Latin compound verb "*Advenire*" to *come* to. To-day is observed as the "First Sunday in Advent." St. Peter is supposed to have instituted this season, and therefore it is said to stand upon Apostolic authority. Whether this be true or not it is certainly of very early origin as Maximus Taurinensis, who lived about the year 450, wrote a homily upon it. This is the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, and the faithful will observe the intervening time until Christmas with becoming seriousness and devotion.

PERSONAL.—Col. Thomas O. Osborn, of the 30th regiment Illinois volunteers, having been recently called to Springfield, on business connected with his command, paid his many friends in this city a hasty visit. He was most heartily welcomed and warmly greeted. We were glad to see the Colonel in the enjoyment of good health after more than a year's incessant labor with his brave boys in Western Virginia. Among the many brave officers who have gone to the field from Chicago, Colonel Osborn stands prominent. Leaving the practice of the law, in which he was engaged, he entered the service some fifteen months ago, since which time he has made for himself a most enviable fame. With only about 800 effective men and a battery of two guns, he met Stonewall Jackson with a force of some 15,000 men, and kept him at bay some twenty-four hours. He then retreated across the Potomac, and being reinforced, prevented the further advance of the enemy. At the battle of Winchester his regiment occupied a position of great danger on the left wing of the army, and the next day took the advance in the pursuit of the enemy. On this and several other occasions he conducted himself with great bravery and ability, receiving the commendations of the late lamented Gen. Lander, and other superior officers.

Donations to the Mercy Hospital.

The Sisters of Mercy, in charge of the "Mercy Hospital, very gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions for the Mercy Hospitals through Mr. Phillip Conley:

J. Young Scamon, $100.00; S. Sherman & Sons, $20.10; W. F. Coolbaugh, $10.00; Henry James Dudley, $10.00; F. Sherman, $10.00; J. G. Gosling, $5.00; Geo. Bro. & Drake, $25.00; H. W. O'Brien, $10.00; William Clark, $20.00; W. B. Ogden & Co., $50.00; Wadsworth, Eddy & Co., $10.00; Smith, Gould & Co., $10.00; J. Farwell, $5.00; Wm. Jones, $5.00; Fairbank, Morse & Co., $10.00; Peck, Ayer & Co., $10.00; Blanchard & Boyce, $5.00; C. S. Sawyer, $5.00; Blackburn & Bro., $5.00; C. Gilman, $5.00; Wm. Ogden, $5.00; Wright, Mckay & Co., $5.00; Mr. Boucher, $5.00; Wm. L. Ormsby, $5.00; F. Cornell, $10.00; O. L. Woodman, $5.00; [illegible], $5.00; Brown Bro., $10.00; James Dudley, $10.00; F. Skinner, $10.00; J. G. Gosling, $5.00; A. C. Coventry, $10.00; H. T. Dickey, $10.00; C. G. Dickey, $5.00; O. S. Bond, $5.00; I. F. Hilliard, $5.00; Mr. Hamilton, $5.00; Mr. Hoyt, $5.00; A. Smyth, $5.00; E. D. Gilman, $10.00; C. S. Cobb, $5.00; L. Fowler, $5.00; A. B. Chapman, $5.00; D. Jones, $5.00; Mr. Hoyt, $5.00; Mr. Hamilton, $5.00; John B. King, $5.00; Capt. O'Meara, $5.00; Dan Shaw, $5.00; Mr. Hamilton, $5.00; Mr. Ayer, $5.00; J. B. Shaw, $10.00; Prescott, Ullman & Co., $5.00; Phillip Conley, $5.00; J. Graham, $5.00. Total, $1,000.00.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 29, 1862.

Exchange is reported a little closer to-day, but not enough to warrant a change in quotations, which are for buying ¼-16dis. 1-16@¼ selling. Some of the bankers who were short, have been compelled to buy at 1-16dis. Gold dropped ¼, and is now quoted at 126, silver 125, old Demand Notes 121.

New York Stock and Money Market.

(By Telegraph.) NEW YORK, Nov. 28, 1862.

Second Board.—Stocks generally firmer.

P. F. W. & C.	24½	Cleve. & Toledo	98½
Chi. R. & I.	75½	Mich. Cen.	80¾
Chi. & N. Island	58	Hudson	97½
Gal. & Chi.	68	Erie	91¾
Cleve. & Pittsb.	77	Mich. pfd.	91¾
Ill. Cen. scrip	71¾	Illinois	99
Michigan Cen.	87¾	N. Y. Central	101¾
Michigan S. & N. I.	67¼	Pacific Mail	119½
Wabash Central	69	Missouri 6s	81¾

P. F. W. & C. 8s bds 90

GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

U. S. 6s '81 102¾@103¼ | 1-20 T. Notes 103¾
Demand Notes..... 121¾ | U. S. 6s 1 year 97¾
MONEY.—Market easy at 6 per cent for loans on call.

Sterling Exchange dull and heavy at 161@163 for merchants' bills, 164@165 for bankers' bills.

American gold dull and lower; opening at 10 and closing heavy at 25% per cent prem.

Total exports to-day of specie, $201,935.

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 29, 1862.

RECEIPTS FOR LAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, bu.	Corn, bu.	Oats, bu.	Rye, bu.	Barley, bu.
Canal	251	6000	275	2222	....	955
G T W R	976	1788	1097	....	....	....
I C R R	3026	11240	17000	8870	2024	1183
C & G T R R	1056	3000	3000	3000	....	....
N W R R	1055	6250	6000	2449	....	2000
A S & L R R	643	1600	7200	....	....	....
Total.....	6984	24,040	37,784	14691	1800	4078

	Dres'd Hogs, lbs.	Tallow, lbs.	Lard, lbs.	Grass Seed, lbs.	Live Hogs, No.
Canal	....	....	251	....	....
G T W R	20000	....	97	....	1736
I C R R	6000	600	2000	192	17000	1400
C & G T R R	20100	....	200	20	6071	1810
N W R R	....	....	196	....	1710	700
A S & L R R	....	....	....	....	....	900
Total.....	26644	607	2923	560	24781	15995

SHIPMENTS BY LAKE, LAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

	Flour bbls.	Wheat bu.	Corn bu.	Oats bu.	Rye bu.	Barley bu.
To Buffalo	45000	21000	....	....	....	....
To Oswego..	16000	....	....	....	....	....
To Pt. Colb'e	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ogdensburg	....	....	....	....	....	....
To other ports	....	....	6000	....	....	....
Total.....	58000	27000	....	....	....	....

The receipts of produce to day embrace 6,661 wbs flour, 37,650 bu wheat, 97,294 bu corn, 19,091 bu oats, 1,800 bu rye, and 4,078 bu barley. The receipts of Live Hogs were 15,095; Dressed Hogs, 687; and Beef Cattle, 509 head.

The Flour market continues dull, and holders are easier. Spring extras are in limited demand, with light sales at $4.25@4.70. Spring supers are active at $3.60@3.85. Within the past two or three days, prices of low grades have declined 10 cents per bbl. Winter wheat brands are quiet, with light sales at $5 75@5 90 for choice.

There was a very active speculative demand for both spring and winter grades of wheat, and the market advanced 2c@3c per bushel—with sales at $1.01 for No. 1 Red and $1.04 for No. 1 Red; 97¢@98c for Rejected Red; 89@93c for No. 1 Spring; 71@ 72c for No. 2 Spring; and 67½c for Rejected Spring. After the receipt of the New York dispatches buyers were less eager, and the market closed less buoyant.

Corn advanced nearly ½c per bushel, with liberal sales, at 31@32c for Mixed Corn in store, and 37½ @38c for Rejected in store.

Oats advanced ½c per bushel, with considerable activity at 25½@26c for No 1 in store—the sales being mostly at 25½@25¾c. Rye was quiet at 58c. Barley was more active—with sales at 95c@$1.10.

Highwines are inactive and nominal at 21½c—holders generally asking 23c. The speculative demand has again subsided.

Seeds are active and firm. Clover is in good demand, with sales to-day at $5.90. Timothy Seed was unusually active and a shade better—with liberal sales at $1.80@1.82½. Flax Seed is scarce and in good demand at $2.10@2.35.

The Provision market is dull and depressed. There is no large business reported for either Mess Pork or Mess Beef and the market for both is entirely nominal. The latter is held at $9 00@9 50 for Mess and $10.50 for Extra Mess. Mess Pork is held at $18.00@18 25. Bulk Meats are quiet and neglected—except Shoulders, for which there is some inquiry—with sales to-day of 4,000 lbs at 4½c loose. A lot of 500 pcs Hams, ten days in salt, was sold at 4½c loose. Green Hams are in fair request, with sales of 7 00c at 4½c, and 800 at 4½c. English Meats are in but limited request—with sales to-day of 10 tons Cured Middles at 6½c, and 80 hhs long cut Hams at 5½c. Lard is a perfect drug in the market. The offerings are very heavy, and the demand light. Prime Kettle is held at 5½c, but there is no demand at over 8c, and even at that figure the inquiry is light. A lot of 500 tres (steam prime) was sold at 7½c. Yellow Grease was sold to-day at 6½c.

The difficulty of sending product forward is acting as a heavy drag on the provision market. Parties desirous of shipping East are forced to throw their stocks on the market, and as the holders in the eastern cities are more than usually free from pression is, in the same proportion, greater. Buyers also who have orders to purchase, cannot till there is some prospect of getting the product forward.

Cooperage is in better demand, and we note sales of Pork Barrels to-day at $1.47½c. Salt is quiet at $3.00@3 10 for Onondaga. Ground Alum is dull at $2.85 per sack.

The receipts of Dressed Hogs to-day, 687, and the market ruled dull and 25@35c lower—with sales at $4.00@4 40—the latter figure being paid only for extra.

The market for Beef Cattle still remains dull but without quotable change. About 800 head changed hands at a range of $1.60@3.45 for inferior to medium grades.

Live Hogs continue dull and depressed and sales were effected to-day at a further concession of 10c per 100 lbs on common qualities—medium and extra grades being without change. The transactions to-day foot up some 6,500 head at $4 00@5 40 for inferior to extra quality.

Flax Seed in New York.

On the State canal list of New York State seed brought $2.50 cash. Since then sales have been made at $2.80, and later at $2.80 cash, according to quality. There have been no sales within a few days of Calcutta Linseed. The last sale in Boston was at $2.60@2 65, which price, with the present high price of Gunnies, two of which are included in each "bag" of Foreign seed bought, and the large "drawback" allowed in shipping Oil Cake made from Foreign seed, with the increased yield in all of this seed over American, makes these prices agree with closing quotations above of American seed.

Sugar in New Orleans.

The N. O. *Picayune* of the 15th in its remarks in the commercial column, says: "There have been further receipts of Sugar and Molasses, today, part new crop. The supply though light is in excess of the demand, and buyers are generally holding back. There is some inquiry, but most purchasers decline to operate at present. They appear to be awaiting easier prices, owing to the probability of more liberal receipts from the upper coast."

The sales of the previous day are given as follows:

SUGAR—About 250 hhds. sold in several lots today at about yesterday's prices; fair to fully fair 6½@6¾c, prime to choice 6¾@6¾c, 10½ for yellow clarified and 8¾c for seconds.

MOLASSES—About 200 bbls. otherboiled sold at 37c. Holders are asking 38c. for old sour and 37c. for old prime and 40c. for prime new.

Hog Product in New Orleans.

Bacon Shoulders are quoted at 6@10c; Clear Sides 10c; and sugar-cured Hams 12@13c. Lard in kegs 10c.

Lachine Canal Frozen.

Winter is setting in early. The Montreal papers state that the Lachine Canal was frozen over on Saturday last.

Pork Packing in Alton.

Messrs. F. Walker & Co. to-day slaughtered 630 hogs, and will be ready to send shipping orders to-morrow. We hear of but little being done in that line as yet, as farmers have not commenced to bring their hogs into market.—*Alton Telegraph, 27th.*

Cincinnati Salt Market—Nov. 27.

The market is unsettled, and prices lower and irregular. Turk's Island is offered at 86@86c; Liverpool declined to $2 75, and Syracuse to $2 50@ 2 55 per bbl. Ohio River and Kanawha is selling at 75c, but only in small lots. It can be bought to arrive, at 68@70c, and in some cases even lower rates should be accepted.

New York Salt Market—Nov. 27.

We notice further sales of 12,000 bu Turk's Island at about 88c. The arrivals of other descriptions have been quite limited, and prices are without material change.

Salt at Turk's Island.

Turk's Island papers to the 8th inst., speak of a continued demand for salt. The price has been firmer, but sales being made at 7 cents.

Wool in New York—Nov. 27th.

There is less activity in all qualities, and with a few days there has been a marked decline in the coarser grades, adapted to army goods, and prices are hav. 17 to 20c. Although we are advised of no cancellation on the part of holders, the sales include 85,000 Bs. Buenos at 58@62½c; 5,000 Bs. Cape at 60@62½c; 5,000 Bs. Peruvian at 60@63c for good and extra, and 100 bales super pulled at 65½c.

Boston Provision Market—Nov. 27.

Pork is selling at $11 50@12 00 for prime; $13@ 13 50 for mess; and $13.50@14 00 for clear; and 12 50 for thin mess. Lard 10½@11c in bbls and kegs, and 11@11½c in tcs. Smoked Hams 9@10c ₩ lb; cash. Pickled Hams 8@8½c for good and extra. Tallow 7@7½c for common.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market—28.

There is but little movement in Rebned Oil, though holders and dealers do not seem disposed to sell unless at full prices. The transactions are not quite as large as for the past few days, but for good lots of packages sold to-day, 27c was obtained. Crude is in good request, and 17@18c is the ruling figure. The supply of Petroleum is light, and 17@18c is the ruling figure.

Pittsburgh Coal Trade.

The Pittsburgh *Gazette* says:

There is but little doing in the coal trade. The weather is unfavorable for shipping, and the river is falling rapidly. Prices remain unchanged.

Toledo Lumber Market—Nov. 27.

Clear, $28.00; 2d, $22 00; common boards, do; $11.00; fencing, $11.50; culls, $8.00; stock boards, $13.00; joist, 2x4 sizes, $13.00@18.00; 2d sized clear dressed flooring, 1x4 (4) common dressed flooring, $17 00; 2d and clear dressed siding, $14.00; common dressed siding, $11.00; R. No. 1 sawed shingles, $4.00; No. 1, 62 72; No. 2, $3.00; lathe, $2.00.

Seeds in Philadelphia—Nov. 26.

There is less clover seed coming, and it is in good request at an advance of 25c, on yesterday's figures. Sales of 600 bushels at 4@4½c, mostly at 4½c. Timothy is quiet but firm; 200 bags brought $2.80 each. There have been no further sales of Flaxseed; in Boston, last sales to arrive at $2.40@2 60; 1,000 bags rough flax sold at $2.50@2 55, as to quality.

Cincinnati Seed Market—Nov. 27.

No clover coming in, and prices nominal. It would bring $5 50@5 75 if anything is selling at $5.00@5 25. Flax is wanted at $2.00.

Tide Water Receipts.

[From the Albany Statesman.]

The quantity of Flour, Wheat, Corn and Barley, left at tide-water, during the 8d week in November in the years 1861 and 1862, was as follows:

	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, bu.	Corn, bu.	Barley, bu.
1861	151,800	1,065,000	931,500	194,500
1862	110,000	90,000	1,067,000	34,000

Dec. 31,800 Dec 775,000 In. 91,500 In. 34,500

The aggregate quantity of the above articles left at tide-water from the commencement of navigation to the 23d day of Nov. inclusive, during the years 1861 and 1862, were as follows:

	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, bu.	Corn, bu.	Barley, bu.
1861	1,852,900	20,910,700	21,391,400	1,268,400
1862	1,626,600	20,740,000	21,197,800	1,502,100

In.. 176,400 In 3,592,000 De. 218,900 De. 77,800

By reference to the table given to-day, the quantity of the latter left at tide-water this year, compared with the corresponding period of last year, shows an increase of 754,750 bbls. of flour.

The following comparative table shows the quantity of some of the principal articles of produce left at tide-water from the opening of navigation to and including the 3d of Nov. in the years indicated:

	1860.	1861.	1862.
Canal open	April 26.	May 1.	May 7.
Flour, bbls	1,796,000	1,852,900	1,626,600
Wheat, bu	17,851,000	20,910,700	20,740,000
Corn, bu	12,045,000	21,391,400	21,197,800
Barley, bu	1,091,900	1,268,400	1,502,100
Rye, bu	215,800	797,600	743,300
Oats, bu	6,156,100	4,947,800	4,907,300

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 29, 1862.

FREIGHTS.—Nothing doing.

FLOUR—Received, 6,451 bris; shipped, none. Market dull and easier. Sales: 89 bris. choice white winter extra at $5.30; 80 bris. do at $5.75; 100 bris. "Derwent" spring extra at $4.90; 40 bris. "Cedar Falls" at $4.70; 200 bris. medium spring extra at $4.60; 50 bris. "Pearl" winter superfine at $4.00; 100 bris. good spring super at $3.85; 43 bris. do at $3.40; 120 bris. do at $3.75; 100 bris. do at $3.50; 375 bris. do at $3.40.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—In good demand and firm at $3.75 per 100 lbs.

CORN MEAL—5,000 lbs. coarse in bulk at $13.00 on track.

MILL STUFFS—38 bags Middlings at $15.00 on track; 19 tons Bran at $8.00 on track.

WHEAT—Received, 31,400 bu. shipped 58,3000 bu. Market higher and active on all grades. Sales: Winter—600 bu No 1 Red in store at $1.01; 24,000 bu No 2 in store at 96c; 400 bu Rejected Red in store at 87½c; 2,800 bu do at 88c. Spring—3,000 bu No 1 in store at 89c; 2,500 bu do at 90c; 1,000 bu do at 90½c; 1,000 bu do (in Munn & Scott's) at 91c; 1,300 bu do at 91½c; 1,500 bu do at 92c. Held at No 2 Spring in store at 77c; 4,000 bu do at 78c; 2,800 bu do at 78½c; 1,300 bu do (in Munn & Scott's) at 79c; 1,800 bu Rejected Spring in store at 67½c.

CORN—Received, 97,294 bu; shipped, 97,250 bu. Market advanced fully 2c ₩ bushel. Sales: 2,900 bu Mixed Corn in store at 31c; 13,000 bu do at 31½c; 2,600 bu do at 31¾c; 34,000 bu do at 32c; 800 bu Rejected Corn in store at 27½c; 6,500 bu do at 28c.

OATS—Received, 16,091 bu. Market 3c higher. Sales: 4,000 bu No 1 in store at 37½c; 13,000 bu do at 38c; 10,000 bu do on p. t.; 4,000 bu do at 39¼c.

RYE—Received, 1,800 bu. Market quiet. Sales: 400 bu No 1 in store at 50c.

BARLEY—Received, 4,078 bu. Market more active. Sales: 400 bu No 2 by sample at $1.05 in store; 400 bu do at 96c in store; 80 bags good at $1.10 on track.

CLOVER SEED—121 bags prime at $5.80.

TIMOTHY SEED—In good demand and firm Sales: 80 bu prime (in one lot) at $1.61; 150 sacks do at $1.62½; 100 sacks good at $1.60; 15 sacks common at $1.50.

FLAX SEED—In good demand. Sales; 5 bags prime and 25 bu fair quality at $2 25.

HIGHWINES—Market quiet and nominal at 20¾c. Holders generally ask 23c, but there is no demand.

ALCOHOL—Nominal at 48@52c ₩ gallon.

PROVISIONS—There is very little inquiry for any kind of product, and the market is dull and depressed. Sales were: 6,000 pcs Bulk Shoulders at 5½c loose; 800 pcs Hams in dry salt ten days at 4½c loose; 200 pcs Green Hams for the block at 4¾c loose; 100 boxes Short Middles at 6¼c; 50 boxes long-cut Hams at 5¾c; 47 tres No 1 Lard at 7¾c; 30 tres city steam Lard (not prime) at 7½c; 100 tres Yellow Grease at 6¼c.

TALLOW—Quiet and nominal at 6¼c for city, and 6@6¼c for country.

BUTTER—18 pkgs choice Dairy at 19c; 18 firkins good at 16c.

BEANS—83 bags Medium at $1 00; Prime in fair demand at $2 25.

DRESSED HOGS—Received, 687. Market dull and 25@35c lower. Sales:

20 Hogs averaging	200 lbs, at	$4 40
12 "	240 "	4 90
500 "	at $5.75 and 5 90—dividing on 300 lbs.	
95 "	at $5 80 and 5 75	
150 "	All under 200 lbs, at $4 60@5 40	

POTATOES—100 bags common mixed at 35c delivered.

COOPERAGE—Pork Barrels are in better request and firmer. Sales:—200 good Hickory hoops at $1.47½.

SALT—Liverpool Ground Alum pressing on the market at $2.35 per sack, without buyers. Barrel Salt quiet at $3 00@3 10. Onondaga Dairy in fair demand at $3 50 ₩ bbl with sacks, and $4.00 without sacks.

COAL—A cargo of Briarhill afloat at $3.00.

KEROSENE—Market steady at 90c.

SUGARS—We note no Change since yesterday. We quote:

New Orleans, prime to choice	11¾@12¾c
Cuba—Fair to choice	11¾@11¾c
Porto Rico—Fair to choice	10¾@11¾c
N. Y. Refined—Powdered and granulated	14½@14½c
White coffee, A	13½@14
Coffee, B	13½@13½c
Extra Coffee, C	13 @13½c

EGGS—Steady at 18@19c.

POULTRY—Chickens ₩ doz $1 25; Turkeys ₩ lb 9@9c.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET.

For the Week Ending Nov. 29, 1862.

The receipts of Beef Cattle and Hogs at the various yards in the city during the past week ending to-day, compare as follows:

	Beeves. No.	Hogs. No.
Week ending Nov. 29	2,190	85,000

RATES OF FREIGHT ON LIVE STOCK FROM CHICAGO TO DETROIT.

	Cattle. ₩ 100 lbs	Hogs. ₩ 100 lbs
Mich. Cent. & Mich. South. large cars	25	25
Cars of 210 feet	20	25 cts
Michigan Cent., small cars	45	35 "

TO BUFFALO ON SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

Mich. Cent. & Mich. South large cars	$100	80 cts
Cars 210 feet	85	60 "
Mich. Cent. small cars	80	50 "
Fort Wayne cars, 204 feet	91	60 "

TO PITTSBURGH.

Pitts., Ft. W. & Chi. cars of 204 feet	$95	75 cts
Mich. South., large cars	95	75 "
do do cars of 204 feet	90	55 "

Rates to Dunkirk, $5 per car less than to Buffalo, when shipped by all rail.

Rates to Dunkirk, 85c ₩ 100 lbs less than to Buffalo, when shipped by all rail.

BEEF CATTLE.

The receipts of beef cattle for the week ending to-day amount to 2,190 head. The returns furnished the Board of Trade, 2,120, showing a decrease of 240 as compared with last week, and being 163 less than the receipts of the corresponding week last year.

The market during the past week presented an appearance very little differing from that of the previous one, as the receipts consisted almost entirely of the same variety, and if anything a shade poorer, as the scallawag and "hat stand" qualities have had the predominance. There have only been two droves of choice shipping cattle in the yards this week, and they were sold at $5.60 and $5 50 respectively. We would again draw the attention of the farming community to the fact that it is both a loss of time and money in sending such miserable looking objects to this market, as they are neither fit for packing or government contractors, and when sold, the owner realizes very little over the cost of transportation. The reputation of this city as a cattle market demands not only a change on the quantity, but the quality of stock received and were the drovers and feeders to examine the report of the New York Market in our columns, they would see that the receipts from this State show a decided falling off both in quantity and quality. Now this should not be and we would advise, those interested in the cattle business, and the prosperity of the State, to correct the matter by sending stock of only *first class* quality to this market, as it will meet with a ready sale and bring a highly commendative price to the owner.

We have seldom witnessed a market which has ruled so dull and given so little satisfaction to holders of cattle as the one for the week just past. There are several causes which may account for it—a continued want of shipping accommodation; the very poor quality of the offerings; and the little disposition on the part of packers and government contractors to operate.

Today the quotations, according to the following scheme from the various